

Results of the 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey

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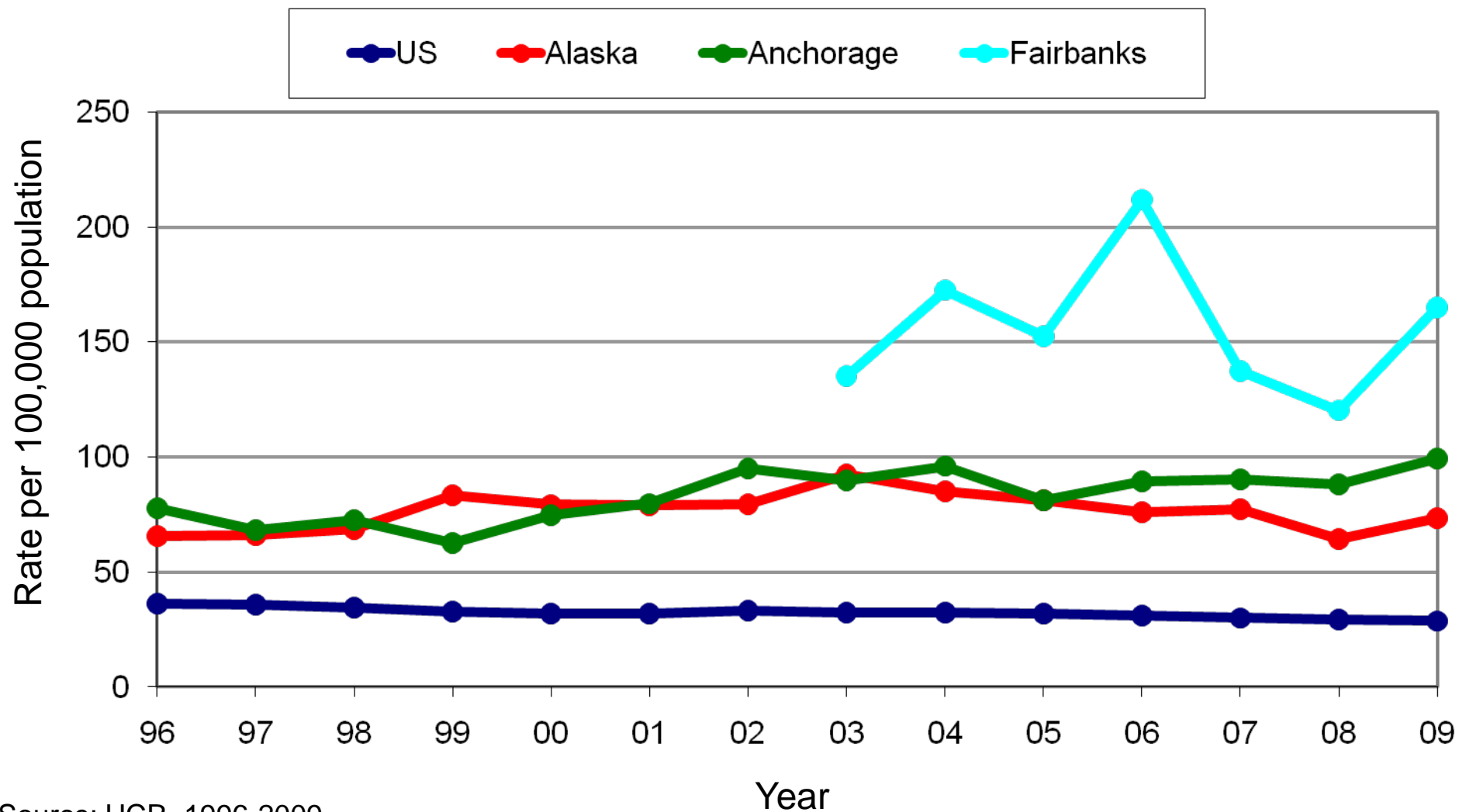
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Presentation Overview



- Update on recent statistics from Uniform Crime Reports
- 2009 Senate Judiciary Committee recommendation for victimization survey
- FY10 Alaska Victimization Survey
- Rural Pilot Projects
- FY11 Alaska Victimization Surveys

UCR Forcible Rape Statistics: 1996-2009



UCR Forcible Rape Statistics



	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009
U.S.	-2.3%	-2.1%
Alaska	-16.9%	+12.3%
Anchorage	-2.7%	+11.6%
Fairbanks	-12.5%	+27.1%

- Changes in UCR forcible rape statistics may be attributable to:
 - Changes in victimization rates,
 - Changes in reporting,
 - Changes in both victimization rates and reporting.

Senate Judiciary Committee Recommendations



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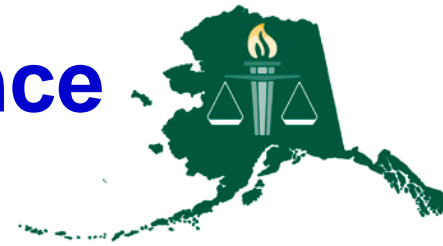
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Report and Recommendations: Reducing Sexual Assault in Alaska

“The legislature should fund a victimization survey to determine the actual rate of both reported and unreported sexual assaults in Alaska” (Senate Judiciary Committee, 2009).



Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



Council Vision:

Alaska, free from domestic and sexual violence

Council Mission:

Provide safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic Violence and sexual assault through a system of statewide crisis intervention, perpetrator accountability and prevention services.

2010 Alaska Victimization Survey



- Funded by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- Designed to establish a baseline with statewide intimate partner and sexual violence estimates.
- Modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (CDC, NIJ, DoD) and administered by RTI.
- Utilized a statewide random digit dial dual frame phone survey (both land and cell phone lines).
- Maximized respondent safety and confidentiality.

2010 Alaska Victimization Survey



- Survey respondents were limited to English-speaking adult women residing in a household with at least one land or cell phone line.
- Includes 871 adult women throughout Alaska, surveyed in May/June 2010.
- Sample provides an excellent representation of the Alaska population of adult women.
- Sampling weights were used to produce population estimates.

2010 Alaska Victimization Survey



- Only provides a statewide average and masks regional differences.
- Excluded non-English speaking women, women without phone access, and women not living in a residence.
- Measured *number of victims*, not *number of victimizations*.
- Estimates may also be conservative because of the continuing stigma of reporting intimate partner and sexual violence.

2010 Alaska Victimization Survey



- Measured lifetime and past year intimate partner violence:
 - Physical violence
 - Threats of physical violence
 - Includes intimate partners only, defined as romantic or sexual partners
- Measured lifetime and past year sexual violence:
 - Alcohol/drug involved sexual assault (when alcohol or drug intoxicated and unable to consent)
 - Forcible sexual assault

Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 247,238)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	47.6%	117,685
A. Threats	31.0%	76,644
B. Physical Violence	44.8%	110,763

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- *47.6% of adult women in Alaska (or 117,685) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,*
 - *31.0% (or 76,644) experienced threats of physical violence,*
 - *44.8% (or 110,763) experienced physical violence.*

Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 247,238)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	9.4%	23,240
A. Threats	5.8%	14,340
B. Physical Violence	8.6%	21,262

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- *9.4% of adult women in Alaska (or 23,240) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,*
 - *5.8% (or 14,340) experienced threats of physical violence,*
 - *8.6% (or 21,262) experienced physical violence.*

Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 247,238)
Sexual Violence ¹	37.1%	91,725
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	26.8%	66,260
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	25.6%	63,293

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- *37.1% of adult women in Alaska (or 91,725) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,*
 - *26.8% (or 66,260) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,*
 - *25.6% (or 63,293) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.*

Sexual Violence Estimates

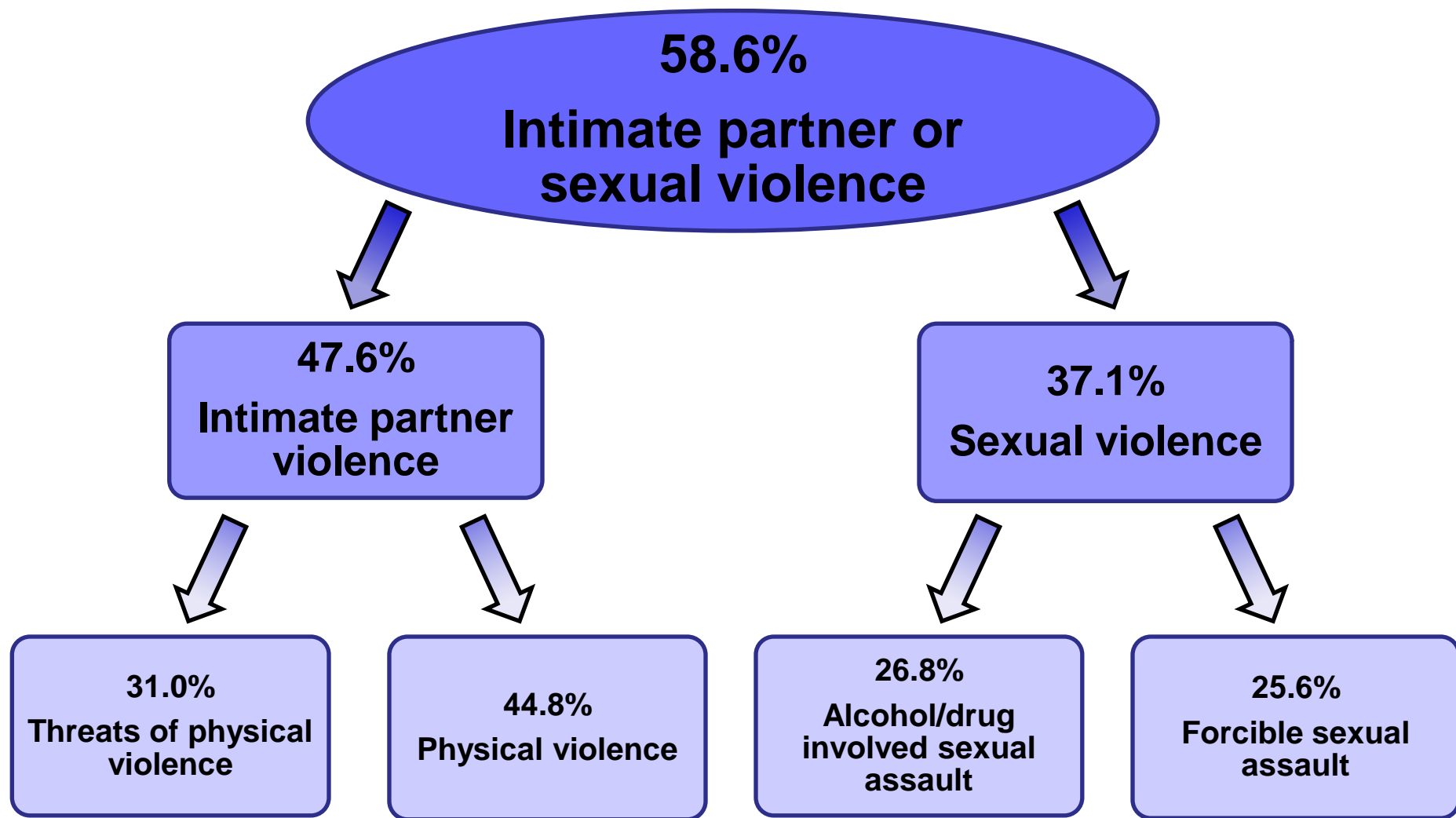


Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 247,238)
Sexual Violence ¹	4.3%	10,631
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	3.6%	8,901
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	2.5%	6,181

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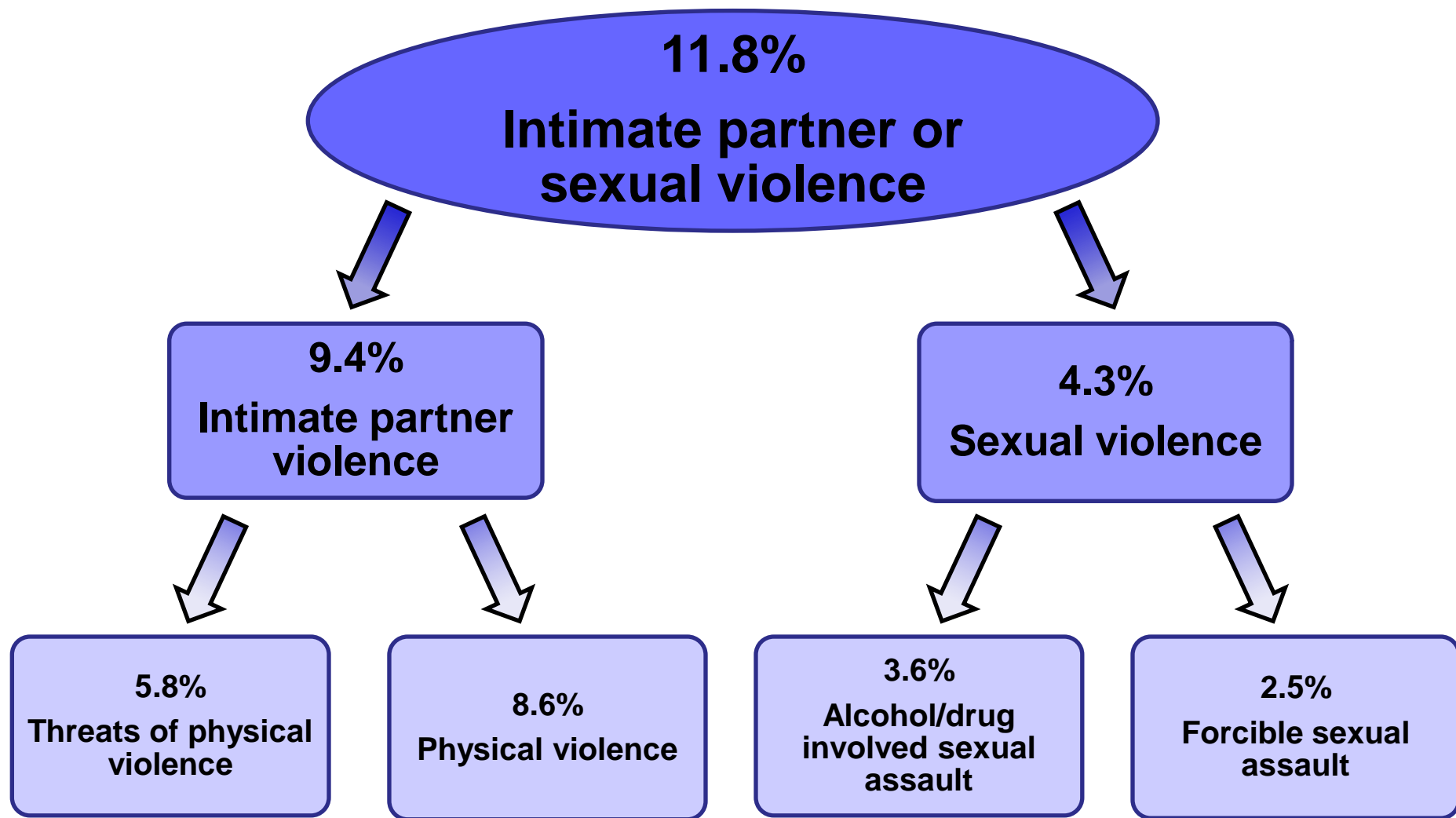
- *4.3% of adult women in Alaska (or 10,631) experienced sexual violence in the past year,*
 - *3.6% (or 8,901) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,*
 - *2.5% (or 6,181) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.*

Lifetime Estimates

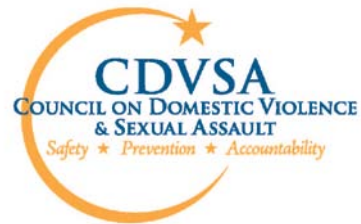


Note: percentages do not sum because some respondents experienced multiple victimizations.

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A Special Thank You!



We sincerely thank the women who invested time and effort to participate in the 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey.

They re-lived horrendous experiences – experiences no one should be subjected to – to help the rest of us understand the extent of intimate partner and sexual violence in Alaska. Thank you!

Rural Pilot Projects



Regional or community-wide commitment to changing the current status of domestic violence and sexual assault



- What is the vision for the region/community?
- What will it take to reach this vision?
- How do we engage others to end domestic violence and sexual assault epidemic?

Rural Pilot Projects



- Rural pilot projects
 - Dillingham (Implementation)
 - Sitka, Bethel, and Kodiak (Capacity Building)



- CANDU, Community Action Network Directed Upstream:
 - Strength based
 - Youth led
 - Culturally empowered
 - Creative and comprehensive
 - Individual / community responsibility

FY11 Surveys



- 2,200 completed interviews from six Boroughs:
 - Municipality of Anchorage
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough
 - Borough of Juneau
 - Dillingham Census Area
 - Bristol Bay Borough
 - Lake and Peninsula Borough
- New detailed questions on:
 - Child exposure to violence
 - Geographical location of victimizations

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